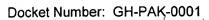
Rec'd PST/PTO 27 JUN 2005

16409



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of

Laing et al.

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Application No.: 10/516,409

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: December 2, 2004

Confirmation No.: 2836

For: Flexible Pouch, Filling and Heat Sealing Line for Flexible Pouches, and Containers for

Supporting and Moving the Flexible Pouches

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of any office action on the merits. Therefore, no certification or fee is believed to be required.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth M. Fagin

Registration Number 37615

Date: June 27, 2005

Telephone: (301) 721-2583 Facsimile: (301) 560-8880

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid QMB control number.

Subs	stitute for form 1449/PTO	Complete if Known		
		Application Number	10/516,409	
IN	FORMATION DISCLOSURE	Filing Date	December 12, 2004	
		First Named Inventor	LAING, et al.	
S	TATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Art Unit	unknown	
(Use as many sheets as necessary)		Examiner Name	unknown	
Sheet 1 of 2		Attorney Docket Number	GH-PAK-0001	

				T DOCUMENTS	
Examiner nitials*	Cite No.1	No.1	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant
	L	Number-Kind Code ² (* known)			Figures Appear
		^{US-} 4,186,786	02-05-1980	Kirkpatrick	·
		^{US-} 4,838,708	06-13-1989	Holcomb et al.	
		^{US-} 4,316,693	02-23-1982	Baxter et al.	
		^{US-} 5,260,766	11-09-1993	Armitage	
		US-			
-		US-			
-		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			ン
	-	US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

		FORE	IGN PATENT DOCU	IMENTS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1		Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁵
		WO 91/18377	11-28-1991	Amblehurst Ltd		
		EP 0491099 B1	08-28-1996	Etheredge et al		
		SU 1772559-A1	10-32-1992	Lugan Mech Eng		1
		KR 2001096178-A	11-07-2001	Wang		\checkmark
		EP 0075531 A2	03-30-1983	Mitsubishi		
		EP 0411769 B1	03-02-1994	FMC Corp.		

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Sheet 2

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known				
Application Number	10/516,409			
Filing Date	December 2, 2004			
First Named Inventor	LAING, et al.			
Art Unit	Unknown			
Examiner Name	Unknown			
Attorney Docket Number	GH-PAK-0001			

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
	ļ	Number-Kind Code ^{2 (f known)}			1 igaico / ppodi	
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
	†	US-				
	ļ	US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
-	†	US-				
	 	US-				
	1	US-				
		US-				
	1	US-				
		US-				

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1		Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	١.		
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY		Or Relevant Figures Appear	٣		
		DE 4103538	07-30-1992	Muller		1		
		SU 1273-317	11-30-1986	Minsk		Y		
		WO 01/58789 A1	08-16-2001	Gestion LaFores				
		JP 2000346814-A	12-15-2000	Uchiyama Kogyo		V		
		JP 07318514-A	12-08-1995	Mistubishi		✓		
		JP 09156604-A	06-17-1997	Nippon		\		

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	
O.g. iatara		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Skind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.